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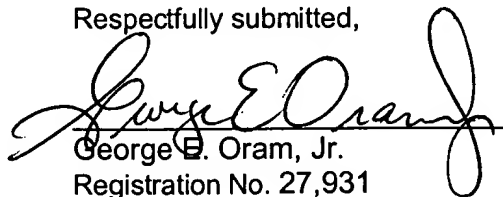
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Sir:

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- ☒ 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (a) within three months of the U.S. filing date, OR (b) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the present application, OR (c) accompanies a Request for Continued Examination. No certification or fee is required.
- ☒ 2. An English-language Abstract(s) of the non-English language reference(s) are attached hereto.
- ☒ 3. U.S. Patent No. 5,517,485 issued May 14, 1996 serves as a translation of the non-English language reference No. JP6-333240.
U.S. Patent No. 5,185,730 issued February 9, 1993 serves as a translation of the non-English language reference No. JP3-86935.
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